



**SANTA MONICA  
MOUNTAINS**  
A NATIONAL RECREATION AREA



# *Spirit of the Mountains* PHOTO CONTEST 2014



*Share the wonders of  
Santa Monica Mountains  
National Recreation Area  
with others. Enter the  
Spirit of the Mountains  
Photo Contest. Let your  
photographic imagination  
capture the essence of  
this hidden jewel.*

## **Photo Contest & Exhibit for Amateur Photographers**

For an entry form and instructions or questions, visit:

[www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm)

or the **Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center**  
26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA at King Gillette Ranch

Submit your entries between **September 20 to October 11, 2014.**

All entries will be on exhibit at the Interagency Visitor Center  
from **November 2 through November 23, 2014.**

**For more information: 805-370-2301**



## Entry Requirements

Open to **amateur** photographers only.

**Digital or film prints** are acceptable.

Entries accepted **September 20 - October 11, 2014**.

Submit only photos of the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone**

For a map of the Zone: [www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm)

## Categories

1. Plants
2. Animals
3. Scenic Shots
4. People in Parklands
5. 2014 challenge: Variations on Light

## Winning Entries

First, second and third place ribbons will be awarded in each category. There will also be a *Best of Show* to the overall winner.

All entries will be on exhibit **November 2, 2014 through November 23, 2014** at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center at King Gillette Ranch. Winners will be announced at **2:00pm, November 2, 2014** at the 2014 Photo Contest exhibit opening. Winning photos may also be published in the *OUTDOORS* – a popular quarterly calendar of events and programs with an annual average circulation of 70,000 copies. The publication is available at the visitor center and online at <http://www.nps.gov/samo/planyourvisit/events.htm>.

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**Submit 9/20/14 – 10/11/14**    **Print Entry Form** (Attach one form per print entry. Print clearly.)

**Category** (Check one)

- ☐ Plants
- ☐ Animals
- ☐ Scenic Shots
- ☐ People in Parklands
- ☐ Variations on Light

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Site where photo was taken \_\_\_\_\_

Photo equipment used \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Entry (optional) \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

*My signature on this form verifies that I have read and will comply with the Rules and Regulations and that I grant non-exclusive, royalty-free license to Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area/ National Park Service for the future use and modification of entries. Entries may be used in (but not limited to) print and electronic media and for other park promotions (with credit).*

# Rules & Regulations

- Amateur photographers only.
- Paid employees of the National Park Service are excluded from contest participation.
- Digital and film prints are acceptable.
- Photos can be taken on federal, state, county, city, or other public agency property, so long as the photo is taken within the **Santa Monica Mountains Zone** which includes the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area and associated watersheds and canyons. A map and description is available online at: [www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm)
- Demonstrate good stewardship of the mountains by entering photos that depict approved visitor use and park resource protection per administering agency regulations.
- Winning photos that will be published in *OUTDOORS* may need to be cropped to fit or shown as a detail. Winners will be asked to submit their digital file or film for use in *OUTDOORS*.
- If people are visible in winning photos, the photographer will need to have releases from those people before the photo can be published in *OUTDOORS*. Photo release forms available at: [www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm](http://www.nps.gov/samo/photocontest.htm)  
Note: If a private house or building is clearly identifiable in a photo, it too needs to have a release from the owner before publication.
- In the event of limited entries in a particular category, the number of winners will be reduced. Photographers are limited to one win per category.
- We are not responsible for mailed entries that are lost or damaged in transit.
- We will make every possible effort to safeguard the prints, but we can not be responsible in case of natural disaster or other unforeseen events.

## Submission Format for Prints

- Submit entry as a matted print. Prints (excluding mat) cannot be larger than 11" x 17" or smaller than 7" x 8."
- A matted print means that your photo should have a surrounding paper border, a window mat, or be mounted on stiff board. The photo itself may be a glossy or matte finish. If using self-positioning photomats, the front of the mat should have no sticky residue. *Please do not use frames, glass, or plastic covers.*
- BE AWARE that we will attach Velcro® to the back of your entry so it adheres to our fabric-covered panels for the exhibit. (We will supply the Velcro®.)
- Names should *not* be visible on *front side* of prints.
- One entry form PER PRINT. We will assign an identification number to each print and separate prints and forms for the judging.
- Photographers can submit 2 entries in the same category but can only win one prize per category; There is a **LIMIT OF 2 ENTRIES** total for the entire contest.
- Submit entries in person or by mail between **September 20 through October 11, 2014** at the Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center, 26876 Mulholland Hwy, Calabasas, CA, 91302. Attention: Photo Contest. *Mailed entries must be received by October 11, 2014.*

## Print Return

Entries can be picked up at the Visitor Center from **November 24, 2014 through December 7, 2014**.  
*Note: Any entry not picked up by December 8, 2014 becomes the property of the National Park Service.*

## Announcement of Winners

Winners announced and awards given at the exhibit opening on **Sunday, November 2, 2014 at 2:00pm**.

## Exhibit Dates

The exhibit opens on **November 2, 2014 and closes November 23, 2014**. The 3-week exhibit will be at Santa Monica Mountains Interagency Visitor Center, 26876 Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA.



### Questions:

Interagency

Visitor Center

(open 9am to 5pm daily)  
805-370-2301